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BOOK USING NETWORK AND
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Huntington, NY 11743 (US)**(21) **Appl. No.: 09/914,898**(22) **PCT Filed: Jun. 12, 2001**(86) **PCT No.: PCT/JP01/04938**(30) **Foreign Application Priority Data****Jun. 15, 2000 (JP) 2000-179988****Publication Classification**(51) **Int. Cl.⁷ G06F 17/60**(57) **ABSTRACT**

A method of realizing a series of process using one client application, from when a publisher prepares an electronic book file until when this book file is sold to a client via a network. A publisher terminal (2), a client terminal (3), and an electronic publication service site (4) are connected each other via a network (5). A publisher prepares an electronic book file comprising a copyright protection function by using an electronic book preparation/reading application (9), and uploads this book file to the electronic publication service site (4) by using this application (9). The electronic publication service site registers and stores the uploaded book file so that the book file can be immediately sold to a client. The client can obtain the book file that he/she purchased, in the form of an electronic book or a general book by reading the contents registered in a search/read information database (14) of the electronic publication service site (4) by using the electronic book preparation/reading application (9).

